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Replace page 16, last paragraph, as follows:

Figures 5(a) and 5(b) are views to show a lubricant supply device according to the first embodiment of the invention; 5(a) and 5(b) are a sectional view and a front view of the lubricant supply device respectively;

Replace page 17, 1st through 6th paragraphs, as follows:

Figures 6(a) and 6(b) are views to show a retaining ring according to the first embodiment of the invention; 6(a) and 6(b) are a side view of the retaining ring and a front view from the outside of the retaining ring;

Figures 7(a) and 7(b) are illustrations to explain the effects of notches and expansion members according to the first embodiment of the invention; 7(a) shows a state before the expansion members are inserted and 7(b) shows a state after the expansion members are inserted;

Figure 8 is a sectional view to show the main part of a ball screw according to a second embodiment of the invention;

Figures 9(a) and 9(b) are views to show a lubricant supply device according to the second embodiment of the invention; 9(a) and 9(b) are a sectional view and a front view of the lubricant supply device respectively;

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